

EPP Buyer Update

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What Awaits You at STAR 2005?



Many of you are familiar with the **State Training and Resource (STAR) Exposition** presented by the Operational Services Division (OSD). Every year, the event features over 300 exhibitors who are Massachusetts statewide contractors and/or multi-department contractors.

This year's event will take place on May 3 and 4 at the DCU (formerly Centrum) Center in Worcester, MA. **Attending STAR and event meals and parking are free for all public employees!**

The **Environmentally Preferable Products Purchasing Program** has a long history of collaboration with STAR to ensure that attendees interested in "greening" their agency and department operations know which vendors to talk to and where to go for information. If you are attending STAR, use this issue of the EPP Buyer Update as your guide.

EPP Workshop

How to Buy a Less Toxic Computer

**Tuesday May 3, Workshop Room E
9:00 – 10:00 AM**

Today's computers are a growing area of concern not only for the environmentalists, but also for occupational hygienists. While many people notice that computer monitors have a significant impact on the user's vision, few realize that the equipment they interact with everyday actually contains over 1,000 materials, many of which are highly toxic or have been linked to reproductive disorders or cancer.

The good news is that equipment models with fewer toxic components and monitors that are better for your eyes are now available from the new ITC16 statewide contract and will be increasingly easy to identify for purchase. Take an hour to come learn how to easily identify these models and protect your health and the environment with your next computer purchase!



**If you have not registered to attend STAR,
just come to the event and
REGISTER ONSITE!**

STAR Sets an Example

Cost-Effective and "Green" Initiatives at STAR 2005



Greening events is a popular topic these days: even the Democratic National Convention has implemented a variety of initiatives to reduce and recycle its waste and offset greenhouse gas emissions.

This year's STAR has developed a number of initiatives that promise to reduce its environmental impact. Many of these efforts also help OSD lower the cost of the event.

- Recycling will be provided for paper, bottles and cans as well as used attendee badges. Containers for the recycling program were donated by SCL-A1 Plastics, liners by The Bag Company.
- To reduce waste, china and reusable flatware (as opposed to disposable items) will be used to serve lunch.
- Leftover un-served food will be donated to area shelters by the DCU Center.
- All conference materials including promotional post-cards, posters and conference program were printed on recycled-content paper.

See if these or other environmental initiatives can be implemented at an event you are planning!

Also In This Issue:

- **Your Guide to EPP Exhibitors at STAR.** Over 60 EPP exhibitors are coming to STAR this year. View their list by category on Page 2.

Your Guide to EPP Exhibitors at STAR

If you are coming to STAR 2005, please visit the booths of the exhibitors below to learn about the EPPs they offer and the benefits of buying those products and services! Don't forget to stop by the Environmental Purchasing Program's Booth #1124A!

COMPANY NAME	BOOTH #
Audio Visual Products and Services	
Perfecta Camera Corp.	804
Automotive Products	
Liberty Chevrolet	324
MHQ- Municipal Vehicles	900
Building Materials/Industrial Supplies	
ALBECO / MASSCO Inc.	300
ALBECO / A & A Industrial Safety Supply	306
ALBECO / Tennant Equipment	305
ALBECO Industrial Supply	304
Grainger	111
Home Depot	208
MSC Industrial Supply	213
Carpeting/ Flooring	
New Bedford Floor Covering Sales Company, Inc.	207
State Contract Carpet Co., LLC	107
Cleaning Products and Systems	
Casey EMI/Wausau Paper	219
New England Maintenance Depot LLC	716
Simplex Janitorial Supplies	122
Supreme Industrial Products, Inc.	214
Computers	
Dell Inc.	518
Gateway	406
GovConnection, Inc.	413
Hewlett Packard	416
IBM	1022
Electrical Supplies / Services	
Northeast Electrical Distributors	802
Standard Electric	806
Foodservice Ware and Janitorial Paper Products	
Westnet Inc.	1007
U.S. Foodservice	212
Mercury-Free Medical Products	
FutureMed Inc.	1302
H Eric Richards	1100
Office Equipment and Supplies	
IKON Office Solutions	1010
Konica Minolta Business Solutions U.S.A., Inc.	203
Océ North America	109
OfficeMax / Lexmark	813
OfficeMax / Brother International Corp	811
Toshiba America Business Solutions	923
Xerox Corporation	117

COMPANY NAME	BOOTH #
Office Furnishings	
Creative Office Pavilion	901
Office Resources	322
Office Supplies, Copy Paper and Envelopes	
Bay State Envelope	1102
Corporate Express	812
Lindenmeyr Munroe	817
New England Office Supply (NEOS)	701
Worcester Envelope Company	808
xpedx	118
Plastic Lumber Products	
M.E. O'Brien & Sons, Inc.	721
New England Recreation Group, Inc.	708
Postal Equipment	
Neopost	925
Printing and Related Services	
Atlantic Graphic Services, Inc.	707
Charles River Publishing	1016
Commonwealth Printing Services	824A
Diversified Business Systems (DBS)	1310
Red Sun Press, Inc.	816
Shawmut Printing	218
Sir Speedy Printing	200
Spencer Press, Inc.	704
Sterling Printing & Business Products, Inc.	903
Promotional Products	
Rainbow Promotions	1104
Recycling and Recycled Products	
Northeast Lamp Recycling, Inc. (NLR)	720
Relyco Sales DbA RecycleFirst	108
Sustainable Roofing Products	
The Garland Company	908
Toner Cartridges	
CAM Office Services	724
G. A. Blanco and Sons, Inc.	604
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